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Application No.: 10/825841

Examiner: Michael Lavilla

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Title: METHOD OF MAKING A TANTALUM LAYER AND APPARATUS USING A TANTALUM LAYER

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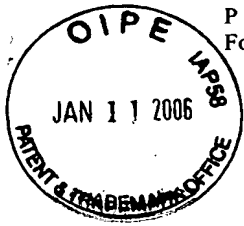
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed October 7, 2005 please reconsider the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 as follows:

Introductory comments begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application. Examiner has rejected claims, 1-56 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. In addition Examiner has rejected claims 49 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by various cited prior art.

Applicant amends claims 3-6, 10-11, 14, 31, and 49-56.

No claims have been allowed by the Examiner.